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FOR: HETEROGENEOUSLY CATALYZED PARTIAL DIRECT OXIDATION  
OF PROPANE AND/OR ISOBUTANE

**REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING DATE**

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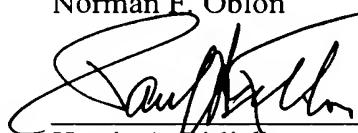
Sir:

The Patent Office is respectfully requested to inform the undersigned of the approximate date on which notification of the date of the oral hearing will be received.

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